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1. MOBILIZATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS (IN EFFECT SINCE APRIL 1) AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT OPERATORS (SINCE APRIL 24) WAS RECENTLY REVOKED, BUT OTHER CATEGORIES OF AIRPORT PERSONNEL STILL UNDER CIVIL MOBILIZATION STATUS CONTINUE WORKING TO RULE. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SEVERAL FOREIGN AIRLINES INCLUDING TWA RECENTLY PROTESTED EXCESSIVE DELAYS IN HANDLING AIRCRAFT AND CREW CLEARANCES. WHILE DELAYS MAY HAVE ALSO OCCURRED AT OTHER GREEK AIRPORTS, THEY HAVE BECOME APPARENT AT ATHINAI AIRPORT WHICH HAS HEAVIEST TRAFFIC.

2. HELLENIC CAA RECENTLY ISSUED DIRECTIVES TO AIRPORT PERSONNEL CALLING FOR EXPEDITIOUS AIRCRAFT AND CREW CLEARANCES. DIRECTIVES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN EFFECTIVE IN REDUCING DELAYS TO HALF HOUR AVERAGE.
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